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In Re Application of:)	Confirmation No. 6480
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For: A METHOD FOR GENERATING)	
HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS)	

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This Paper is being filed in response to the Final Official Action dated November 19, 2003. Should any fee be due, please charge our deposit account 19-0733. Kindly reconsider allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 8-50 are cancelled. Claims 1-7 are finally rejected.